

	Rs.
No. XVIII—Public Works	11,495
No. XX—Stationery	600
No. XXI—Industries	2,177

The above grants were allowed by the House without any alteration.

The following motions on the Cranganur budget were deemed to have lapsed for want of time :

**Demand No. XVIII—Public Works—Rs. 11 lakh,
Motions Nos. 1 and 2.**

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,500 for improving the roadway on the bank of the Kollikkattara canal.*

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,700 for constructing a compound wall for the High School, Cranganur.*

President's concluding speech.

President.—The last item in the statement of business for the 10th and final day of the budget session is the concluding speech by the President. We have had so many speeches, speeches both long and short, during these 10 days of the session. Let me, however, have the honour of making the shortest speech during this budget session, and that speech is the business of the session having been brought to a close, the Council is prorogued.

There is one request by Dr. A. G. Menon requesting my permission to thank the President, and I allow his request.

Thanking of the President.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sir, on behalf of the non-official Members of this House, I beg to rise to offer you, Sir, as our President, our heartfelt felicitations and thanks for the successful manner in which you conducted the deliberations of this, the second budget session, of our Legislative Council. We are aware, Sir, that yours is a very difficult position. As the head of the executive administration in the State, you are responsible to His Highness, our benign Maharaja, and as our President, to this Council.

In your conduct of the deliberations of this Council, you showed considerable anxiety to place before the Council as much information as was possible to collect in regard to the working of the different departments of the State, and I make bold to say that, in doing so, you have even gone out of your way, sometimes to question and cross question some of your Heads of Departments from the very floor of this House. Whenever any non-official Member, in the course of the discussion

of a subject, was prone to fly at a tangent, and thereby disturbed the calm atmosphere of the House, you did not hesitate to pull the reins.

You have shown a very large measure of tolerance to the non-official Members in expressing their views on matters of administration, even when such views encroached upon personalities. On the whole, we are convinced that you conducted the deliberations of this Council during this budget session in such a way as to promote the utmost freedom of speech without endangering the harmony and comradery of intercourse among the Members of this Council of all castes and creeds, official as well as non-official, and to direct the flow of its proceedings through useful channels.

In short, Sir, in spite of so many difficult and inconvenient factors in the dual position of Diwan—President of the Council, you succeeded in steering the Council safely to harbour over stormy waters and amidst rocks and shoals, to the satisfaction of all concerned. (*Hear, hear.*)

Once again, I offer our hearty thanks to you, Sir.

The President's reply.

President.—Members of this House, I beg to tender my heartfelt thanks to you for the extremely kind and appreciative remarks made on your behalf by Dr. A. G. Menon on the eve of the closing of this session. I think it our duty to offer our humble and loyal respect to His Highness our Gracious Maharaja, and to wish long life and happiness to our beloved Ruler. And let me, on this occasion, convey my hearty wishes for the success of the Cochin Legislative Council, and my wishes for the happiness and prosperity of all the Members composing it. (*Hear, hear.*)

The Council rose at 5-14 p. m.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,

Secretary to the Council.

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